

November 30, 2009

## **ELDA Information/Important Dates**

### **Updates**

#### **Pre-Id Labels**

All students identified as “LEP Eligible” on the NSSRS as of Dec. 7, 2009 will receive a Pre-Id ELDA Label. Students enrolling after that date will not receive labels and their demographic information will have to be filled in by hand.

All LEP eligible students must be tested—not just those participating in ELL/Bilingual programs.

Districts must account for all Pre-Id labels. This allows NDE to track student participation by district. This data is reported to the U.S. Department of Education.

If a student is not tested, the Pre-Id label must still be affixed to an answer folder and a reason for not tested marked. NeSA scoring rules apply. (see below)

### **Reminders**

#### **Important Dates**

ELDA Testing Window: **Feb. 15-Mar. 26**

- **Student Demographic Data Upload: Dec. 7, 2009**
  - Districts have the opportunity to review the ELL demographic data prior to the upload to MI. This is done through the NSSRS ELDA Labels verification report. Districts can view their NSSRS ELDA labels verification reports as soon as they have submitted Student and School Enrollment Templates. Work with your district staff responsible for entering data on NSSRS to review the ELDA Labels Verification Report.
  - All students identified as “LEP Eligible” on the NSSRS (Student Template, Field 95) will generate Pre-Id labels for ELDA testing. Labels will need to be accounted for so it is important to make sure data is accurate.

#### **Changes for 2009-2010**

- **There will NOT be an “ordering” site/window this year.** Measurement Inc. (MI) will be contacting you about special orders like Braille or large print tests. Cassette or CD orders will default to type of media ordered last year. The ELDA Help Desk will still be available for questions or additional orders that need to be placed.
- **Security agreements** outlining the proper handling of the ELDA will need to be signed and returned. A document will be sent with the ELDA materials that will need to be signed by building principals. It should be returned to MI with the testing materials. More detailed information will be forthcoming.
- **Districts will need to account for ALL Pre-ID labels.**
  - All Pre-ID labels will need to be affixed to a student answer folder. (Note: Change from last year.)

- Eliminates need for invalidation for an invalidation process. (see below)
  - Impacts ELDA scoring rules. (see below)
- **Answer documents will look different this year.**
  - Unnecessary student demographic data fields have been removed.
  - Language has been added to make the accommodations field more user-friendly.
  - A field has been added for the purpose of marking a reason the student was “not tested.” *This will eliminate the need for an invalidation process.*
- **NeSA scoring rules will now apply to ELDA.** *Please note what results in a waived score and what will be counted as a zero score.*
  - Student no longer enrolled (waived score)
  - Emergency medical waivers will be granted only through the Statewide Assessment Office (waived score)
  - Student misclassified/no longer classified as ELL/LEP (waived score)
  - Parent/guardian/student refusal (zero score)
  - Student absent for entire/partial testing window (zero score)